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1. REFTTEL AUTHORIZED DELEGATION TO INCORPORATE INTO ARTICLE VI THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 2 OF THE PROTOCOL, WHICH CONCERNS WHEN TO COUNT ARMS CONVERTED TO MIRVS.

2. WITH REGARD TO FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS, DELEGATION NOTES THAT PRESENT PROTOCOL LANGUAGE "WHEN CONVERSION BEGINS" IS INCONSISTENT WITH CRITERIA FOR CONVERSION OF OTHER SYSTEMS AND IS ALSO INCONSISTENT WITH THE CRITERION FOR COUNTING NEWLY CONSTRUCTED ARMS; I.E., "IN THE FINAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION". FURTHER AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, USE OF THE PHRASE "WHEN CONVERSION BEGINS" COULD FORCE A SIDE TO REMAIN, IN FACT, BELOW 1320 FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME WHILE CONVERSION IS BEING COMPLETED. THIS COULD IMPACT FIRST ON THE U.S., DEPENDING ON THE COURSE OF PROGRAMS FOR MX OR ADDITIONAL MM-III'S AND ON WHETHER HEAVY BOMBERS CARRYING ALCMS COUNT AGAINST THE 1320 LIMIT. ON THE

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OTHER HAND, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIETS COULD

SEEK TO UTILIZE "FINAL-STAGE-OF-CONVERSION" LANGUAGE TO CLAIM THAT SYSTEMS WHICH APPEAR TO US TO BE IN THE FINAL STAGE OF CONVERSION HAD NOT IN FACT REACHED THAT STAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION THERE IS, OF COURSE, THE POSSIBILITY OF CHOOSING A FORMULATION BASED ON A MID-POINT BETWEEN INITIAL AND FINAL STAGES OF CONVERSION. ON BALANCE, I AND MOST OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION FAVOR A FINAL-STAGE-OF-CONVERSION FORMULA.

3. THEREFORE, DELEGATION PROPOSES TABLING LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME:

QUOTE THOSE ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE NOT SUBJECT TO THE AGGREGATE LIMITATION OF ARTICLE V, WHICH UNDERGO CONVERSION TO LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION, SHALL BECOME SO SUBJECT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS WHEN THEY ENTER THE FINAL STAGE OF CONVERSION;

(B) MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHOP, PLANT, OR OTHER FACILITY WHERE THEIR CONVERSION HAS BEEN PERFORMED;

(C) SLBM LAUNCHERS ON A SUBMARINE WHEN THE SUBMARINE FIRST GOES TO SEA AFTER THEIR CONVERSION.

QUOTE THOSE ASBMS ON A BOMBER WHICH UNDERGOES CONVERSION FROM A BOMBER EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS NOT SUBJECT TO THE AGGREGATE LIMITATION OF ARTICLE V TO A BOMBER EQUIPPED FOR ASBMS SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION SHALL BECOME SO SUBJECT WHEN THE BOMBER HAS BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHOP, PLANT, OR OTHER FACILITY WHERE SUCH CONVERSION HAS BEEN PERFORMED. UNQUOTE

4. DELEGATION NOTES THAT THE FOREGOING MATERIAL ON ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO CONVERSIONS WHICH ARE DISCERNABLE BY NTM, IN WHICH CASE LAUNCHERS CONVERTED TO MIRVED MISSILES WILL BE COUNTED AS THEY ARE CONVERTED. WHEN PRESENTING THE ABOVE FORMULATION TO SOVIETS, DELEGATION WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS ADDITIONAL TO AND INSEPARABLE FROM THE PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT THAT ONCE A LAUNCHER CONTAINS OR LAUNCHES A MIRVED MISSILE, ALL LAUNCHERS OF THE SAME TYPE COUNT AS MIRVED.

5. DELEGATION PLANS TO AVOID ANY TYPE RULES INVOLVING ASBMS
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ON BOMBERS.

6. DELEGATION IS SUBMITTING BY SEPTTEL LANGUAGE FOR SLBM PHASING RULE REVISED IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN IT AND FOREGOING LANGUAGE. JOHNSON

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